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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING MEDICAL
APPOINTMENT

1. TAAG'S (ANGOLAN AIRLINE) NEW VP FOR OPERATIONS,
LUIIS JORGE LOPES (EX-PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE COL AND FORMER
TAP PILOT) HAS ASKED THE POST'S HELP IN ARRANGING MEDICAL
TREATMENT IN THE U.S. FOR TAAG'S CHIEF PILOT, JAIME DE ALMEIDA
SAMPIO. (TAAG WILL PAY ALL SAMPIO'S EXPENSES, ONLY ASSISTANCE
IS SCHEDULING AN INITIAL CONSULTATION.) MEDICAL PROBLEM
IS NOT SEVERE BUT PERIODICALLY RECURRENT KIDNEY INFECTION.
ASIDE FROM MEDICAL PROBLEM, LOPES WANTS SAMPIO OUT OF ANGOLA
FOR POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS. FIRST BECAUSE
SAMPIO, A MULATTO, IS LINKED TO MPLA AND HASHBEZM PARTICIPATING
IN CLANDESTINE ARMS DELIVERIES TO MPLA HERE. SECOND, LOPES
WISHES TO HIRE AN AMCIT CHIEF PILOT TO PREPARE TAAG FOR
737 OPERATIONS AND WANTS SAMPIO OUT OF ANGOLA TO FACILITATE
THIS. LOPES ALSO FEELS SAMPIO'S ABSENCE WILL WEAKEN MPLA
INFLUENCE AMONG TAAG PERSONNEL AND BELIEVES SAMPIO'S POLITICAL
ATTITUDES COULD BE MODIFIED BY EXPOSURE TO THE LIFE IN THE U.S.

2. POST REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE A UROLOGY CONSULTATION
FOR SAMPIO IN BOSTON OR N.Y.C. AND CABLE NAME OF M.D. AND DATE
ASAP. SAMPIO IS READY TO TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY. LOCAL M.D.
SAYS INFECTION IS DRUG RESISTANT "ESCHERICHIVA CALI."

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3. LOPES, WHO APPARENTLY IS ON BOEING'S PAYROLL IN AN

INDIRECT WAY, IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO CONGEN OFFICERS. HIS
DESCRIPTION OF TAAG'S INTERNAL POLITICS AND THE AIRLINE'S
PROBLEMS ARE AMPLY CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES.
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